

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Aslan Ettehadieh on 8/25/2008.

2. The claims have been amended as follows:

Claim 6 (line 8), "support member" has been changed to --support members--.

Claim 7 (line 12), "latitude and longitude coordinates" has been changed to --latitude and longitude coordinates of said digital camera--.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. Claims 1-12 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the prior art of the record fails to show or fairly suggest a photography system using a digital camera and a position detecting unit, said position detecting unit disposed closed to an object; wherein said digital camera includes *a calculation processor*

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for calculating camera azimuth and object distance according to said object position data and said digital camera position, in combination with other claim elements.

Claims 2-6 are allowed for the reasons given in claim 1.

Claims 7-12 are method claims of apparatus claims 1-6. Therefore, claims 7-12 are allowed for the reasons given in claims 1-6.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LUONG T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-7315. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, DAVID L. OMETZ can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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